

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am especially concerned about local media markets. The one I live in is served by only one cable company and one (maybe two) newspapers. A ruling to reduce or eliminate the cable ownership cap would increase the likelihood that our entire local media (including cable internet service) would be controlled by one company. This would create an extremely undemocratic environment and discourage the free flow of information.